

## **MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION**

### **Threshold for Capital Expenditures**

The Maryland Health Care Commission provides the following notice of a change to the dollar amount that establishes the level of capital expenditure, proposed “by or on behalf of a health care facility” regulated by the Commission, that will require Certificate of Need review, pursuant to Health-General Article, §19-120(k), Annotated Code of Maryland.

Effective June 1, 2006, the capital threshold for capital expenditures, as defined by COMAR 10.24.01.01(B39), was increased to \$10,000,000 for hospitals and \$5,000,000 for all other health care facilities other than hospitals. The Commission is required to adjust the statutory capital expenditure review threshold on an annual basis, based on the Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPI-U) for the Baltimore Metropolitan Area, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (“the Bureau”), rounded off to the nearest \$50,000.

On February 20, 2009, the Bureau released the CPI-U effective January 1, 2009; this figure was 137.598. Adjusting for the change in the CPI-U yields an increase in the capital threshold amount to \$10,700,000 for hospitals and \$5,350,000 for all other health care facilities. For further information about the Certificate of Need capital review threshold, please contact Nadine Connor at (410) 764-3285.